

COURSE DETAILS

- 1. Duration:** The course runs for 8 weeks, with a two-week break in the middle.
- 2. Eligibility:** Students will be selected from:
 - (a) Government and Private Sector Institutes
 - (b) Guaranteed Recommendations
 - (c) Current CandleAid A/L and University Students
- 3. Weekly Essays:** Write a minimum of 100 words on a given topic. The Course Facilitator will provide the topic and feedback on your essay to help you continuously improve your writing skills.
- 4. 25 Words in Sinhala/English:** Write 25 words that are not commonly used with their English translations (e.g. කිඹුනිජය - horizon).
- 5. Conversation with Talk Mates:** Engage in **100 minutes** of conversation per week in English with your assigned Talk Mate.
- 6. Reading Assignment:** Read 5 pages per week from a pre-assigned book.

Each week, a roster will be provided. It is your responsibility to contact your Talk Mates provided in the roster to schedule a convenient time for conversation.

Each programme is supervised by a Course Director and managed by a Facilitator. You are required to submit your completed essays, 25 words, and details of your conversations with Talk Mates - including the Talk Mate's name, date, and duration in the specified format to the Course Coordinator by the following Sunday before 8.30pm. Non-compliance will result in a warning and repeated lapses may lead to immediate termination from the programme.

We currently have nearly 100 Talk Mates in our system, each of whom has demonstrated excellent commitment and made invaluable contributions to our English courses.

The selection of candidates will be via WhatsApp call or in-person interview.